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Testimony of  
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In support of Raised HB5384  
An Act Concerning Reports of Nurse Staffing levels  
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**I have been Registered Nurse at Danbury Hospital since 2009. I am writing to support H.B. 5384, an Act concerning reports of Nurse staffing levels.**

**I support the "Transparency in Nursing staffing Bill" because we are understaffed most of the time and when we are understaffed it affects the quality care that we should be giving our patients. I work on a surgical floor and adequate pain management is crucial for patients to have a progressive stress free recovery. Evidence has shown that patients who have adequate pain management have a speedier recovery, shorter stays at the hospital, and less chance of being re-admitted.**

**Many times we go up to seven patients and it is very hard to medicate every patient in a timely manner. Sometimes patients have to wait and then it is harder to get their pain under control and as a result they may have to take additional pain medication to get their pain under control. It is frustrating for the patient and for me.**

**As a RN it is my goal is to promote health and to keep my patients comfortable and pain free as much as possible and when we are understaffed it is very hard to give safe adequate care and proper pain management to my patients.**

**This is why I feel reporting staffing levels is important for the quality of care. The hospital is held accountable for quality patient care.**

**I ask you to vote for HB 5384**

**Thank you,**

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